

DISTRICT: Galveston

DATE: January 3, 2003

PROJECT NAME: Channel to Victoria and Channel to Seadrift, Texas

LOCATION: The project is located in the vicinities of Seadrift and Victoria in Calhoun and Victoria Counties, Texas.

CURRENT FUNDING CATEGORY: Operations and Maintenance, General

DESCRIPTION: The Channel to Victoria project provides a 34.8 mile shallow draft channel extending from its junction with the main channel of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at Mile 492 northwesterly across San Antonio Bay through a landlocked section lying east of the Guadalupe River and terminating at the turning basin near the City of Victoria. The Channel to Seadrift project provides a 2 mile shallow draft channel extending from the Channel to Victoria northeasterly and terminating at the turning basin at Seadrift. The project reaches and dimensions are tabulated below:

Channel to Victoria	12 X 100 feet
Channel to Victoria	
Turning Basin	12 X 500 feet
Channel to Seadrift	9 X 100 feet
Channel to Seadrift	
Turning Basin	9 X 200 feet

Maintenance of the project to authorized dimensions is a Federal responsibility. Safe and efficient commercial navigation is of national interest.

FUNDING STATUS:

Expenditure for FY 02:	\$2,312,696.68
Obligation for FY 03:	\$ 0
Proposed President's Budget for FY 04:	\$ 0

COMPLETED OPERATIONS FOR FY 02: Continuation of cultural resources.

PROJECTED OPERATIONS FOR FY 03: Continuation of cultural resources.

PROPOSED OPERATIONS FOR FY 04: Maintenance dredging Lower Reach and Channel to Seadrift. Continuation of cultural resources. Design P&S for upper turning basin and bank stabilization.

LOCAL CONTACTS: The Victoria County Navigation District is the local project sponsor for the Channel to Victoria and the West Side Calhoun County Navigation District is the local project sponsor for the Channel to Seadrift.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: No FY04 funding. Dredged material is assessed for pollutants prior to dredging. Significant factors that impact the maintenance efforts are depletion of placement area capacities, availability of placement areas, bank erosion, protection of endangered species, seasonal dredging, and archeological sites. Statistics compiled for calendar year 1996 show a movement of 4,351,000 tons of commerce.

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